

# TRANSPORTATION CABINET EMBRACES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

## *KYTC Employees Adopt Angel Tree Children*

One special Christmas project, which has become a cherished tradition all across America, is the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet employees have again demonstrated just how dearly they hold the Angel Tree tradition in their hearts.

This year's abundant collection of gifts included everything from Hot Wheels and remote race car sets, to dolls and children's clothing. Secretary Bill Nighbert recognized the importance of the Angel Tree project: "The Angel Tree provides reassurance to many children that someone really does care about them. I want to thank all the KYTC employees who have given so freely to share the *Spirit of the Holidays*."

"It's spectacular when people who may not have anything in common, other than the fact that they work at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, can get together to do good for other people, that's true Unbridled Spirit said," Deputy Secretary Jim Adams.

The Frankfort Salvation Army submitted

45 "angels" to the Cabinet this year. The spirit with which Cabinet employees embraced these children was truly overwhelming. Shaune Lynch, Deputy Executive Director for the Of-

fice of Public Affairs coordinated the Angel Tree Project. She was not surprised at the response, but was, nevertheless, very impressed. "For several consecutive days, my office would fill up with gifts...sack after sack of gifts. Each day we would move them to a storage area. The next day, my office would be filled again with these

marvelous gifts."

"The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has become a wonderful blessing to so many angels in our community," said Captain Carla Binnix of the Salvation Army. "Altogether, the Frankfort Salvation Army will assist in serving more than 600 area children this year."



## *Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree...How lovely are your branches!*

In December, the central office was adorned with a number of Christmas trees displayed on each floor. Not only were central office employees in the spirit of Christmas but they were also competing against one another as to who would have the best Christmas tree. Christmas tree contests were developed where offices and divisions decorated their own tree and each tree was judged and voted on.

Two different awards were given, an award for the "Outstanding" tree and an award for the "Favorite" tree. Individuals could vote for their favorite tree with a donation of \$1.00 per vote. Each division/group displaying a tree accepted the donations. The winner of this contest chose a charity to which the total cash reward was



donated. A committee from outside the Transportation Cabinet judged all the trees based on originality and appearance and determined which division had the "Outstanding" tree.

The winners? The Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing won both the "Favorite Tree" and "Outstanding Tree" contests. The division collected \$120 in KECC contributions.

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## News from District Three

## PUBLIC MEETING HELD FOR KY 90 AT BARREN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over 250 residents of Glasgow and Barren County attended the public meeting for KY 90 held at the Barren County Middle School Cafeteria on November 22. The three-hour meeting provided residents an opportunity to review the preferred alignment and make comments concerning the project. The project involves the reconstruction (widen, reduce curves and add passing lanes where feasible) of KY 90 east of Glasgow from the Louie B. Nunn Parkway to the Metcalfe County line.

Representatives from the Transportation Cabinet as well as American Engineers and Palmer Engineering were on hand to answer questions about the project.

Several people expressed concern regarding the progress of the road. "We need KY 90 reconstructed today," stated Carl Dickerson. Dickerson continued, "I drive that road every day to work and there needs to be some improvements made to accommodate the amount of traffic on the road combined with commercial vehicles." Rose Mary Byrd hand delivered a petition with 318 signatures and said there would be more to come later. "It's so important that KY 90 receive these improvements. The road impacts many people on a daily basis," said Byrd.

Preliminary plans have been completed for the 10.5-mile project. "We will start Phase II design at this time," stated Kenneth Cox, Branch Manager for Design. Cox continued, "This will involve several items such as developing traffic control plans, preparing right of way plans, and performing geotechnical work to establish cut and fill slopes. Right of way plans will take about a year to finish. Once those are complete, we can begin



the process to purchase right of way. That will take anywhere from 12 to 18 months."

Funding for right of way acquisition is only available for the first priority section of KY 90. For better fiscal management the project was split into three sections. The first section is from the Nunn Parkway to KY 2198. The second section runs from KY 2198 to KY 839 and the last section is from KY 839 to the Metcalfe County line. At this time there are no funds available for right of way for priority sections two and three. None of the three sections have utility or construction funds scheduled at this time.



**Christmas Spirit**—Mike Harlow, David Depp, Sue Bell, David Blakley, Bonnie Poore, Dixie Renfro, and Kim Wylie, from the Barren Co. crew and Keith Mueller, Paul Kelley, Allen Charlton, Kim Grace and Bobby Mayes from the Simpson Co. crew participated in local Christmas parades. Simpson Co. crew's float took second place for their Santa's workshop theme. Employees from the District 3 office donated Christmas gifts for ten children as part of the Salvation army angel tree charity.